

Oregon County-By-County Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

20,000 in Oregon set to lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program about 20,000 people in Oregon will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28. An additional 29,000 people in Oregon will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Oregon alone, failing to extend the program will cost 3,829 jobs.

COUNTY	# of People Losing Coverage Dec. 28
BAKER COUNTY	64
BENTON COUNTY	204
CLACKAMAS COUNTY	1,705
CLATSOP COUNTY	146
COLUMBIA COUNTY	284
COOS COUNTY	369
CROOK COUNTY	147
CURRY COUNTY	98
DESCHUTES COUNTY	863
DOUGLAS COUNTY	569
GILLIAM COUNTY	6
GRANT COUNTY	35
HARNEY COUNTY	40
HOOD RIVER COUNTY	83
JACKSON COUNTY	1,080
JEFFERSON COUNTY	65
JOSEPHINE COUNTY	490
KLAMATH COUNTY	390
LAKE COUNTY	36
LANE COUNTY	1,604
LINCOLN COUNTY	178

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MALHEUR COUNTY	69
MARION COUNTY	1,490
MORROW COUNTY	29
MULTNOMAH COUNTY	3,637
OUT OF STATE(WA, ID, & CA)	826
POLK COUNTY	318
SHERMAN COUNTY	5
TILLAMOOK COUNTY	114
UMATILLA COUNTY	363
UNION COUNTY	93
WALLOWA COUNTY	25
WASCO COUNTY	121
WASHINGTON COUNTY	2,358
WHEELER COUNTY	1
YAMHILL COUNTY	482
OUT OF STATE (other states)	1,021

Total

20,067